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PASS TO AMBASSADOR GARDNER

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TAGS: SOPN, IT
SUBJ: AMBASSADOR GARDNER: PUBLIC STATEMENTS

1. AMBASSADOR GARDNER'S MEETING WITH US CONGRESSMEN REPORTED
BY MARINO DE MEDICI IN IL TEMPO (GARDNER: COMMUNIST VICTORY
IN ITALY IS NO LONGER INEVITABLE. DE MEDICI SAYS AMBASSADOR
GARDNER IS "CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC" ABOUT ITALIAN SITUATION.

2. ARTICLE COVERS SEVERAL POINTS INCLUDING:

--ADMINISTRATIVE ELECTIONS: "DESTROYED THE MYTH OF THE
INEVITABILITY OF COMMUNIST IN ITALY." ELECTION RESULTS DUE
INPART TO POLITICAL "BACKLASH" AFTER MORO ASSASSINATION AND
VOTER DISSATISFACTION WITH PCI ADMINISTRATION IN THE CITIES.

--ITALIAN ECONOMY: DESPITE THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE ECONOMIC
AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS, REAL DANGER LIES IN THE GOI MAKING
DECISIONS BASED ON POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS RATHER THAN
"AS A RESPONSE TO PUBLIC OPINION."

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--DC: SHOW SIGNS OF HAVING UNDERTAKEN A PROCESS OF RENO-
VATION AND RENEWAL. IF THEY SHOW THEMSELVES INCAPABLE OF
MOVING FORWARD ON NEEDED NATIONAL REFORMS, THE SITUATION
COULD REVERT TO THE STATE IT WAS IN 1976.

--PCI: NOT THE KIND OF PARTY THAT COULD BE INCLUDED
WITHOUT RISKS IN THE GOVERNMENT OF A FREE WESTERN COUNTRY,

AND A MAJORITY OF ITALIANS SEEM TO RECOGNIZE THAT FACT.
IT CANNOT BE RULED OUT THAT THE PCI MIGHT BECOME SOCIAL
DEMOCRATIC BUT IT HAS NOT YET DONE SO.

--FOREIGN POLICY: PCI SUPPORTS USSR ON 90 PERCENT OF ALL
FOREIGN POLICY QUESTIONS. ORLOV CASE RECENT POSSIBLE EX-
CEPTION.

--EVANS AND NOVAK COLUMN ON CIA AID TO ITALY: THE COLUMN
WAS "IN ERROR," THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT "RECEIVED WHAT
IT HAD ASKED FOR."HOLMES

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